



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL COMMAND  
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FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS 78234-6000

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MEMORANDUM COMMANDERS, MEDCOM Regional Medical Commands

SUBJECT: Military Treatment Facility (MTF) Management of Reported Alleged Sexual Assault Cases - Payment for Exams and Kits

1. References:

- a. OTSG/MEDCOM Policy Memo 04-009, Medical Treatment Facility Management of Reported Alleged Sexual Assault Cases, 27 Jul 04.
- b. MEDCOM Regulation 40-36, Medical Facility Management of Sexual Assault, 23 Dec 04.

2. Purpose: To provide Command policy guidance on payment for medical exams and supplies for sexual assault determination (SAD) for beneficiaries receiving care in civilian facilities.

3. Proponent: The proponent for this policy is TRICARE Operations Division, Health Policy and Services Directorate.

4. Responsibilities:

- a. TRICARE Operations Division shall monitor TRICARE benefit changes for inclusion of SAD kits.
- b. Medical Command Resource Management Division shall assist Military Treatment Facilities with claims payment problems for care rendered to beneficiaries for SAD as necessary.

5. Policy: MTF commanders will establish administrative procedures related to the management of reported alleged sexual assault cases that ensure beneficiaries who receive SAD care in civilian hospitals are not charged for any aspect of that care.

- a. Medical exams for alleged sexual assault are a covered TRICARE benefit. Beneficiaries who receive SAD treatment in a civilian hospital are entitled to use their TRICARE benefit for these services.

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b. SAD kits presently are not included in TRICARE coverage. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) is soliciting legislative changes to the TRICARE benefit which will include these kits within covered TRICARE supplies. Until that occurs, beneficiaries may be liable for bills for these supplies. Some states may have Victim Assistance/Compensation Programs which pay for certain accommodations for victims of sexual assault, including SAD kits.

c. MTFs are to ensure that appropriate procedures are in place to coordinate billing for SAD kits with external agencies. In the absence of other funding, the MTF (not the victim) will pay for SAD kits.

d. MTFs shall use the supplemental health care fund to pay for SAD kits for any beneficiary receiving care from a civilian provider should there be no other source of payment for the kits.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J G Webb Jr', with a stylized flourish at the end.

JOSEPH G. WEBB, JR.  
Major General  
Chief of Staff